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SUMMARY: THE COMBINED EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT BOARDS OF TURK-IS (CONFEDERATION OF TURKISH TRADE UNIONS) HELD REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 13-17 IN CYPRUS WITH ITS MEMBER UNION TURK-SEN (TURKISH CYPRIOT UNIONS) AS NOMINAL HOST. AGENDA BORE ONLY THE SINGLE ITEM, THE FUTURE ROLE OF TURK-IS IN POLITICS. THIS TOPIC HAS BEEN CONSTANT PREOCCUPATION OF TURK-IS LEADERSHIP IN RECENT MONTHS. AT CYPRUS MEETING THEY DECIDED AGAINST ESTABLISHING OWN SEPARATE PARTY AND IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTING A PARTY (UNSPECIFIED) WITH SAME AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AS TURK-IS. ELEVEN MEMBER COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY AND REPORT WITHIN TWO MONTHS ON MANNER, CONDITIONS AND PRINCIPLES TURK-IS SHOULD ADOPT IN SUPPORTING POLITICAL PARTY. END SUMMARY.

2. AT ITS APRIL 1976 CONVENTION IN ANKARA TURK-IS MUST MAINTAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE TOWARD POLITICAL PARTIES AND
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MAY NOT ESTABLISH ORGANIC LINKS WITH ANY PARTY, IT MAY SUPPORT ONE OR MORE PARTIES HAVING THE SAME AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AS TURK-IS OR IT MAY FORM A PARTY OF SUCH NATURE. FURTHER DECISION MAKING ON THE MATTER WAS LEFT TO THE COMBINED EXECUTIVE-MANAGEMENT BOARDS IN WHICH A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY WOULD BE REQUIRED. SHOULD THIS PROCEDURE FAIL TO

PRODUCE A DECISION, THEN TURK-IS WOULD HOLD SPECIAL CONVENTION
WITHIN A WEEK TO CALL FOR NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

3. BOARD MEETINGS SINCE APRIL HAVE ALL BEEN INCONCLUSIVE,
WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GROUP OF UNIONS BEING UNABLE TO OBTAIN
TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF THEIR DESIRE TO SUPPORT THE
RPP. TO AVOID SPLIT IN THE ORGANIZATION TURK-IS PRESIDENT
HALIL TUNC HAS SUCCESSFULLY URGED THAT DISCUSSION AND
DEBATE BE CONTINUED WITH HOPE CONSENSUS WOULD EVEN-
TUALLY EMERGE.

4. STUDY WAS MADE DURING SUMMER BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE
UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF TURK-IS SECGEN SADIK SIDE OF AIMS AND
OBJECTIVES OF ALL PARTIES AND THEIR VOTING RECORDS ON MATTERS
OF INTEREST TO LABOR. THIS SHOWED RPP AS BEST FRIEND OF
LABOR, WITH JP NOT FAR BEHIND.

5. LEADING UP TO CYPRUS MEETING TUNC IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
STATEMENT, HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT STUMBLING BLOCK IMPEDING
A TURK-IS/RPP JOINT ACTION PROGRAM IS RPP'S RELATIONSHIP
WITH DISK (CONFEDERATION OF TURKISH REVOLUTIONARY/REFORMIST
TRADE UNIONS) WHICH HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY SEVERAL
SENIOR RPP DEPUTIES. TUNC LEANS TOWARD THE RPP, BUT HE
WANTS THAT PARTY TO MAKE A CLEAR CHOICE BETWEEN
(A) DISK'S PROGRAM WHICH DEMANDS CLASS STRUGGLE AND
SHARPENED CONFLICT BETWEEN LABORING CLASS AND BOURGEOISIE
AND (B) TURK-IS'S PROGRAM WHICH SEEKS RECONCILIATION AND
INTEGRATION OF LABOR AND MANAGEMENT INTERESTS
THROUGH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND PERPETUATION OF LIBERAL
DEMOCRACY IN TURKEY.

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6. IN ANNOUNCING RESULTS OF CYPRUS MEETING TUNC REMARKED
THAT UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS TURK-IS WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO
FORM A POLITICAL PARTY, BUT WOULD SUPPORT A PARTY WITH SAME
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AS TURK-IS. WHEN SKED IF THE RPP WOULD
BE THAT PARTY, TUNC DECLINED TO ANSWER. "THEIR AIMS AND
THE AIMS AND PROGRAMS OF OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES ARE SELF
EVIDENT," HE SAID.

7. NEXT STEP IS EXPECTED TO BE A MIXTURE OF (A) ATTEMPTS
TO PERSUADE TURK-IS AND RPP TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IN THEIR
POSITIONS SO THAT TWO ORGANIZATIONS CAN COME CLOSER AND (B)
ATTACKES ON TUNC BY MORE MILITANT SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. THE
FORER ARE UNLIKELY TO PROVE SUCCESSFUL, WHILE THE LATTER
MAY LEAD TO A CALL FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY
CONVENTION OF TURK-IS IN A FEW MONTHS TIME. THUS, THE
CYPRUS MEETING SETTLED NOTHING, AND THE TALK CONTINUES THAT
THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC UNIONS MAY LEAVE TURK-IS AND FORM A

SEPARATE CONFEDERATION OF THEIR OWN BEFORE THE NEXT GENERAL
ELECTIONS.
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